[English]

Control of Floods Caused by Tributaries of River Brahmaputra

4745. SHRI S.N. BROHMO CHAUDHURY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the magnitude of the deposits filling the bed of the Brahmaputra by the changing courses of the tributaries in the upstreams in the north of the Brahmaputra;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to tame these tributaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Master Plans for tributaries in the north bank of Brahmaputra Bekimanas-Aie and Pagladiya sub-basins identifying remedial measures have been prepared. These include Pagladiya dam(29 metre high) across river Pagladiya mainly for flood moderation and scheme for anti-erosion works on river Aie.

Integrated Development of Horticulture

4746. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has submitted a scheme to World Bank for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Western States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Bulgaria propose to assist in grafting of apples in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). A Project on Integrated Horticulture Development for the North-West Hill Region was submitted to the World Bank. This Project at a total cost of US$ 136.5 million was to be implemented in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh over a period of 7 years. The main objective of the project was the integrated development of apple and other temperate fruits, vegetables and flowers covering all aspects of production, productivity, extension services and post harvest infrastructure. The World Bank have not accepted the project.

(c) and (d). The Government of India in collaboration with Bulgaria is implementing an Indo-Bulgarian Project in Jammu & Kashmir from October, 1989 which includes the development of Horticulture in Zainapura farm in the district of Pulwama. Under this project 25 hec. area will be covered with grafted planting material of commercial apple variety (Red Delicious) from Bulgaria and 25 hec. will be covered with he indigenous Ambri variety of apple on imported rootstocks from Bulgaria. The Project is to be concluded by October, 1992.

Production of Coal

4747. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal in the country during 1990 and 1991 till date, State-wise;

(b) whether the production was commensurate with its demand;

(c) if not, the reason therefor;

(d) whether any plan has been chalked out/being chalked out to increase the production of coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA):(a) The information is given below:-

(million tonnes)

S.No.	*State*	**Production of coal during*	
		1990-91	*1991-92 (upto Sept. 91)*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17.708	8.90
2.	Assam	0.679	0.34
3.	Bihar	67.488	27.04
4.	Madhya Pradesh	65.351	29.14
5.	Maharashtra	16.854	7.68
6.	Orissa	16.272	8.30
7.	Uttar Pradesh	10.378	4.42
8.	West Bengal	17.002	7.54
	Total	211.732	93.36

*Note: Excluding-production of coal in meghalaya and J & K

(b) and (c). The current production plus pithead stocks available with us are sufficient to meet the demand of all consumers except steel, where for blending purposes steel plants are importing low ash coking coal.

(d) and (e). Draft 8th Five Year Plan 1992-97 envisages production of coal in the country at the level of 293.21 million tonnes in 1996-97 by opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines and application of new technologies.

Terrorism in Nepal

4748. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks have been held between India and Nepal to curb the rising terrorism in the terai area of Nepal; and